

## **The Medicare Advantage program: status report**

**ISSUE:** The current status of the Medicare Advantage (MA) program, in terms of plan enrollment, availability, and payment.

**KEY POINTS:** Recent legislation (MIPPA and PPACA) has set in motion changes in the MA program that can affect Medicare levels of plan payments, the equity of plan payments, the subsidy provided for extra benefits, and plan availability.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should discuss the current status of the MA program, payment changes in recent legislation, and the potential need for technical adjustments in setting benchmarks.

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